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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk and Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**RE: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related  
to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource Plans for  
Duke Energy Progress, LLC  
Docket Number: 2019-225-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I write to notify the Commission and all parties that Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") plans to retire the following eight peaking units located near Hartsville, South Carolina, in connection with its 2019 Integrated Resource Plan Update:

Darlington Units 1-4, 6-8 and 10

These combustion turbines, which were placed in service in 1974, have served DEP customers for 46 years but have reached the end of their useful lives. The Company has removed these assets from plant in service, and the units will be retired effective March 31, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather Shirley Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heather Shirley Smith

cc: Parties of record